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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant's amendment to claims 1-13 necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action.

Applicant should note that until applicant provides a translation of the priority document, prior art that does not overcome the foreign priority date can be used.

Also applicant is strongly suggest to simplify the claim language, making depend include only additional limitation beyond that of the independent claim. Also the reduction of multiple references of relative terms will also make the claim limitation more clear and concise.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Leong et al. (U.S. Patent 6,269,398).

For claim 1, Leong teaches, a management apparatus for managing a communication device, comprising:

an identifying table storing unit operable to store an identifying table having an identifying condition for determining a type of an identified communication device satisfying said identifying condition, said identifying condition having a corresponding check method for determining a function of said identified communication device; (Leong, Col. 6 lines 44-65, printers, files server, or virtually any other device capable of communicating on the network, Col. 8 lines 49-61, information 310,311,313)

an identifying unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit, such that said identifying unit access said identifying table stored in said identifying table storing unit to determine whether said communication device; and (Leong, Col. 8 lines 49-61, MIB, network management system)

a communication unit coupled to said identifying unit, said communication unit for communicating with said communication device; and (Leong, Col. 8 lines 49-61 router)

a check unit coupled to an output of said identifying unit such that said check unit receives from said identifying unit said corresponding check method determine said function of said identified communication device. (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols)

For claim 2, Leong further teaches,

a check table storing unit coupled to said check unit and operable to store a check table accessible to said check unit for a type of communication device, said

check table having a check condition for determining said function of said identified communication device, said function corresponding to said check condition; (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols)

wherein said check table for each type of the communication device being specified by said corresponding check method stored in said identifying table storing unit, (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols, table 1, Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5)

wherein if identified communication device satisfies said check condition of said check table, said check unit determines that said identified communication device has said function corresponding to said check condition. (Leong, Col. 10 lines 32-43, status info)

For claim 3, Leong further teaches,

a default check table storing unit coupled to said check unit and operable to store a default check table accessible to said check unit and having a first check condition for determining a function of said communication device said first check condition having a first specified function; and (Leong, Col. 10 lines 32-43, status info, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols)

a check table storing unit coupled to said check unit and operable to store a check table accessible to said check unit for a type of communication device, wherein said check table is specified by corresponding said check method stored in said identifying table storing unit, (Leong, Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5)

wherein said check table has a second check condition for determining said function of said identified communication device said second check condition having a second specified function; (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols , Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5, second condition is second protocol)

wherein said check unit determines that, in a case where said identified communication device satisfies said first check condition of said default check table, said communication device has said first specified function ;and (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols , Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5)

wherein said check unit determines that, in a case where said identified communication device satisfies said second check condition of said check table said identified communication device has said second specified function. (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols, Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5)

For claim 4, Leong further teaches,

said identifying table storing unit stores a monitoring method for monitoring a status of said identified communication device, said monitoring method corresponding to said identifying condition; and (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols, Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5)

said management apparatus further comprises a monitoring unit coupled to said identifying unit such that monitoring unit receives from said identifying unit said monitoring method operable to monitor said status of said identified communication

device. (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols, Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5, Col. 7 lines 35-47, polling)

For claim 5, Leong further teaches,

a specifying unit operable to make a user of said management apparatus specify an address of said communication device, the output of said specifying unit being coupled to said identifying unit and said check unit such that said identifying unit and said check unit determine said type and said function of said communication device, respectively. (Leong, table 1, echo test Col. 11 lines 42-47)

For claim 6, Leong further teaches,

a communication device displaying controller coupled to a display and said identifying unit, and operable to display the communication device on said display of said management apparatus with an image corresponding to said type determined by said identifying unit; and (Leong, figure 5)

a function displaying controller coupled to a display and said check unit, and operable to show said function of said communication device determined by said check unit, in a case where a user of said management apparatus made a predetermined operation with respect to said image. (Leong, figure 5)

For claim 7, Leong further teaches,

said identifying table has a plurality of sets, each of said plurality of sets including a combinations of said identifying conditions and said check methods (Leong, Col. 9 lines 44-47, protocols, Col. 10 lines 32-43, buttons, figure 5, Col. 7 lines 35-47)

said identifying unit determines which one of said identifying conditions is satisfied by said communication device based on predetermined priorities of each of said plurality of sets. (Leong, Col. 9 lines 14-30, prioritizing)

For claim 8, Leong further teaches,

an input unit coupled to said identifying unit and operable for a user of management apparatus to input said plurality of sets to be registered in said identifying table; (Leong, MIB set, Col. 9 lines 28-32)

a registration unit coupled to said input unit and said identifying table storage unit, and operable to register said plurality of sets, in said identifying table; and (Leong, figure 5, MIB set, Col. 9 lines 28-32, figure 4)

a priority setting unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit and said registration unit, and operable to set said priorities for each of said plurality of sets registered in said identifying table based on said identifying conditions of said plurality of sets. (Leong, Col. 9 lines 14-30, prioritizing, figures 4,5)

For claim 9, Leong further teaches,

wherein, in a case where a first identifying condition is included in a second identifying condition, said priority setting unit sets said priorities such that a set

corresponding to said first identifying condition has a higher priority than a set corresponding to said second identifying condition. (Leong, Col. 9 lines 14-30, prioritizing, figures 4,5)

For claim 10, Leong further teaches,

wherein said management apparatus manages a plurality of communication devices, and in a case where fewer of said plurality of communication devices satisfy a first identifying condition than a second identifying condition, said priority setting unit sets said priorities such that a set corresponding to said first identifying condition has a higher priority than a set corresponding to said second identifying condition. (Leong, Col. 9 lines 14-30, prioritizing, figures 4,5)

Claims 11-13 list all the same elements of claims 1-10, but in medium and apparatus form rather than apparatus form. Therefore, the supporting rationale of the rejection to claims 1-10 applies equally as well to claims 11-13.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See attached UPSTO 892.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay M. Bhatia whose telephone number is (571)-272-3906. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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